BAR HILL NEWS

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A VERY HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2018 TO ALL OUR READERS

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

This is now available on www.barhillpc.org.uk
Lots of information and minutes of the meetings held.
Please contact the Clerk with any questions or suggestions.

BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY
(by co-option)
ARE YOU ABLE TO SPARE A FEW HOURS A MONTH TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?

Further details about role and qualifications available from the Clerk on 01954 780456 or email clerk@barhilllpc.org.uk (see also page 5 of this edition).
Letters of interest must be submitted to the Clerk by noon 13th February 2018, setting out your interest, skills and abilities to contribute to the role of the Council (approx. 100 words).

THE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEEDS A TREASURER

Martin Avery, who has served as the Association's Treasurer for many years, has announced that he will retire from this honorary post at May's Annual General Meeting. The post requires only an hour or two's work and attending the monthly committee meeting each month.
For more information, contact Roger Hall, Chairman, on 01954 780304 or email roger.hall90@ntlworld.com.

URGENTLY NEEDED

IT skills needed for taking over as the new Webmaster for the Bar Hill Village Website
at present you can view as www.barhill.org.uk
The present webmaster will be willing to help in the handover.
Please contact Mike Nelson: 01954 780772 for more details.

BAR HILL FETE, 7th JULY 2018

Help is now urgently needed in the preparation of the Fete both during the next few months and on the day. For information on the tasks to be undertaken, large and small, contact Roger Hall, chairman of the Residents' Association, on 01954 780304 or email roger.hall90@ntlworld.com.

JOB AVAILABLE

Tom Lee Plastering is looking for a part time labourer.
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Ideal job for a college lad.
Please email for further information:
tomleeplastering@live.co.uk

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New – ice creams, helium balloons, cigarettes/tobacco
– PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL POST OFFICE – ☺ thank you ☺

BUS SERVICE 1A BETWEEN BAR HILL AND ST IVES

Dews Coaches run a weekday bus service, number 1A, between Bar Hill and St Ives. There are stops in Fenstanton.
This service is subsidised by Cambridgeshire County Council until summer 2018, and to keep it running we need to support it. Older persons' bus passes are accepted.
The timetable is as follows:

- Departures from bus stop near Tesco at 07.52, 09.43, 10.43, 11.43, 12.43, 13.43, 15.43 and 17.03.
- Return from St Ives bus station at 09.18, 10.18, 11.18, 12.18, 13.18, 15.18 and 16.18.

YOU COULDN'T MAKE IT UP...

No one knows who invented the fire hydrant because the building housing the patent burned to the ground in 1836!

Huntingdonshire Concert Band presents:

HCB'S GOT TALENT

7.30pm, Saturday 24th February in Bar Hill Church.
Tickets £8 [£7 concessions and under 16s].
Featuring soloists from the band, including Flute, Clarinet, French Horn, Euphonium, Alto and Tenor Saxophone.
Light refreshments will be served during the interval.
All proceeds will go to Bar Hill Church.
Tickets available by telephone: 01954 780260 and 01954 203310, by e-mail: kenchington@supanet.com or on the door.
www.hcband.co.uk

Deadline for March's edition: 15th February to bhneditor@yahoo.com
or see page 2 for other contacts.

— BAR HILL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION —

2017–18 COMMITTEE:

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The objectives of the association are to act as an intermediary between residents and other parties, to keep residents informed of matters of importance and recreation in and around the village, and to promote the interests of Bar Hill. Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association. Anonymous letters will not be published, but names and addresses may be withheld. However, these may be made available should a written request be received. This is a private publication and may not be reproduced in any way without the prior permission of the Bar Hill Residents' Association Committee.

ADVERTISING

All matters relating to advertising should be addressed to the Advertising Coordinator bunty.waters@ntlworld.com. Quarter-page adverts cost £16.50 per month and must be submitted by the 1st of the month prior to inclusion. These ads are for local businesses and we guarantee publication, but this often results in a waiting list.

To help overcome this, we publish Maxi and Mini ads which appear throughout the publication. We cannot guarantee their inclusion, though, due to restrictions of space. Maxi ads (6cmx4½cm – 9cmx6cm) are £8.50 per month; Mini ads (6cmx2cm – 6cmx4cm) are £5 per month, and should be submitted by 15th of the month prior to their inclusion.

EDITORIAL

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale or Lost and Found. These appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month. [Items offered For Sale will be advertised in two consecutive editions, so please let the Editor know if the item(s) sell after the first time.] All items can be submitted electronically on disk or to bhneditor@yahoo.com *[a Word file is best, please]* or hard copy via Parish Council Office.

— THE MAPLE SURGERY —

Tel: 01954 780442

www.mhmaple.co.uk

Out of Hours Emergencies — call 111
(Cambridgeshire and Peterborough 111 Service)

Surgery Opening times:

Monday to Friday		8am – 6.30pm
On the day appointments: bookable by phone at 8.30am.		
Midwife	Thursday	9.30am–12.30pm
Podiatrist	Wed. & Friday	8.45am–12 noon *and* 1.00–4.00pm
Orthoptist	2nd Tues/month	9.00am–12.30pm
Cambs Hearing Help	4th Tues/month	9.30–11.30am
Health Visitors *(based at Longstanton)*:		01954 207612
Well Child Clinics:	3rd Tues/month	1.00–2.30pm

at the Children's Centre, Bar Hill *(next to Primary School)*.

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— WANTED —

Bar Hill School would like 'Sylvanian Animals' as well as toy tractors, train sets, picture books, tissue paper and stencils. If anybody has any of these they wish to donate, please get in touch with Jo Hall, 11 Almond Grove, tel. 01954 780304 or e-mail roger.hall@ntlworld.com.

— BAR HILL HEALTH WALKS —

Free every Wednesday morning

Meet at Maple Surgery at 10.30am

Our walks are all weather *(in case of rain you will find us under the Church porch)*, free, and accessible to all, particularly those who are currently inactive.

Walks are 45–60 minutes long, and led by trained Volunteer Walk Leaders. Shorter walks may be available; contact Patricia or Josephine to discuss.

We meet locally after the walk for a hot drink and a chat. This is usually in the library, but may sometimes be at Costa, Tesco, or the Fox.

If this is your first walk please arrive 10 minutes early to complete a short health questionnaire. Copies are available on the PPG noticeboard in Maple Surgery, and at www.walkingforhealth.org.uk.

Contact: Josephine Powell T: 07901 558108; E: jopowell45@hotmail.com or Patricia Daniels T: 07917 874402; E: danielsoohn@btinternet.com.

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— NWR —
CONNECTING WOMEN WHO ARE INTERESTED IN EVERYTHING AND TALK ABOUT ANYTHING

NWR is a national women's organisation with members who enjoy lively conversations both serious and light-hearted. It is for women of all ages who like to be informed and share ideas by actively participating in the content of meetings. We promote friendship and self-confidence for lively minded women. We invite you to join us. Come along to one of our meetings – you'd be very welcome.

1st Feb. Museums and galleries – research your favourite – are they important, who should fund them?

15th Feb. Fabulous Flowers – what is your favourite, why, does it have medicinal properties, represent a birth sign, is it special to you.

1st March Deserts of the World – research the flora and fauna of the desert, indigenous people etc.

The Bar Hill NWR group meets informally in members' homes on alternate Thursday evenings at 8pm. We pay an annual fee of £23 and just £1 per meeting to cover local costs. If you would like more information or someone to accompany you to a meeting, please don't hesitate to call Marie-Thérèse Last on **01954 780329** or Jackie Jackson on **01954 781613**.
NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk.
Why not have a look!

BAR HILL COMMUNITY MARKET

NOT February
Saturday 3rd March
Saturday 7th April
10.30am–2pm
In the **Octagon**
CB23 8EH

— Entry is Free —

All profits go to community/charity projects.
Refreshments: Soup & bread at lunchtime.
BBQ weather permitting.
If you wish to be part of the market please contact Karen Austen **01954 781085**.
e-mail: bar.hill.community.market@gmail.com
Facebook: Bar Hill Community Market

— HEALTH AND WELLBEING CLUB —

Held on the second Tuesday of the month between 2–4pm in Tesco Community Room, the group focuses on aspects of promoting and maintaining good health in every area.
We start with a chair based exercise activity followed by advice from Tesco's departments.
This is a unique and friendly group and is an ideal place to meet new people.
Next meetings: **13th February**.
For further information, contact Wendy Arrowsmith on **01954 781381**.

— HAPPY HOURS —

Our Club meets most Mondays in the Octagon building of Bar Hill Church from 11am–3pm, with coffee, tea and light lunches. Our Winter lunch time menu consists of soup and a roll, baked potato with butter (£1.50 each) or filled baked potatoes *(cheese, tuna mayo or baked beans)* or a ploughman's lunch (£2.30 each).

Our aim is to provide friendship and companionship, so why not come along and give us a try? You can have a good old natter, a game or two, or enjoy our other various activities. We would welcome new members.
In December we celebrated with a Christmas sing-along and a brilliant Christmas party. After the Christmas break we had a gentle restart in January with mulled wine and games.

Coming up in February:
5th: As yet undecided
12th: Pancakes and Valentines – Quiz, games and pancakes
19th: As yet undecided
26th: Bingo and a quiz
Anne Plumb, 01954 780364

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, — BAR HILL BRANCH —

The Royal British Legion Bar Hill Branch meets on the 4th Thursday of each month (next meeting: February) in The Community Room at Tesco at 7.30pm.
We are a small friendly group of like-minded people.
To join you don't have to have an Armed Forces background, just share a common cause of supporting our Service community, now and for the rest of their lives.
If you are interested in coming along, please contact Wendy Arrowsmith, Branch Secretary, on **01954 781381** or Malcolm Cox, Chairman, on **01954 488657**.
** PLEASE NOTE NEW MEETING VENUE **

BAR HILL BOOK CLUB

Tuesday 27th February at 7.30pm in the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club, The Spinney, Bar Hill.
Please join our friendly group, we offer a lovely welcome, good company and great book choices.
Let me know if you would like to join us and I will arrange a warm welcome.
sheilafarrar@hotmail.co.uk; Tel/Text: 07920 558319

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PLAYPALS BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

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Your first session free!
Can you help? We are looking for kitch
an hour of time during our sessions t
and drinks. If you are interested ple
helen.j.bishop@gmail.com

— LETTERS —

Dear Editor

Earlier this year it was sadly necessary for me to make the decision to leave Bar Hill. I have been in the village for over thirty years and seen many changes, but the one thing that has been ever-present is the sense of community.

You only have to look through the Bar Hill News to see that there are plenty of activities and clubs in which to become involved. All ages are catered for.

For those of us who have retired or do not work, it is possible to find something to do most days of the week: Happy Hour on Monday; Keep Fit on Tuesday; Health Walks, Coffee Stop and Art Club on Wednesday; Knit and Natter on Thursday.

Some of us are not as mobile as we once were, either due to age or ongoing health issues. As a result many of us find the prospect of exercise daunting, but all is not lost! There is a Health and Wellbeing Club on the second Tuesday of the month. But if you feel the need to exercise on a more regular basis, Forever Active have Strength and Balance classes every Friday in the Church. You may have seen their ad in the South Cambs magazine, or you can contact Hannah: 07779 244250.

An area of real concern is loneliness – not just in Bar Hill but nationally. Men in particular are less likely to join groups and are therefore more at risk. Well here's a challenge, gentlemen! Don't let us girls have all the fun! Broaden your horizons!

Have you considered setting up a Man Shed group here in Bar Hill? Don't know where to start? Why not take a look at the Man Shed homepage: themanshedd.org.uk? It offers a range of activities, as well as mental health issues such as depression and loneliness.

Last of all, how about the young people. Any budding journalists interested in providing a monthly 'blog' to be included in BHN?

Having said all that has made me realise just how much I will be missing by moving away! To my dear friends, lovely neighbours and local heroes who keep this community alive... I wish you good health and much happiness.

Hope you all have a happy, healthy, peaceful New Year.

Ros Simphin, Little Meadow

Hi Everyone

We would like to say thank you to all that called at 12 Appletrees to see our garden light display over Christmas, and for the donations given for the Cardiac Unit, Addenbrookes, you raised £125.08.

Thank you

Gail and Richard

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HORRIBLY CLEVER CREDIT CARD SCAM!

It started with a phone call.

Was I going to be at home because a courier company had a package that needed to be signed for? As promised, within the hour a uniformed delivery man arrived with a beautiful basket of flowers and a bottle of wine. I was pleasantly surprised as it was not my birthday so I enquired who it was from.

The courier replied that he didn't know but often a card arrived separately.

He then explained that because the gift contained alcohol, there was a £3.50 "delivery/verification charge," providing proof that it had been received by an adult, and not just left on the doorstep where it could be stolen or taken by anyone, especially a minor. This sounded logical and I reached for my purse. However he said it must be credit/debit card, so that there was a legal record. Plus he said couriers don't carry cash to avoid loss or robbery.

He duly produced a card machine, I inserted my card, entered my PIN and was given my card back with a receipt. With a cheery 'Enjoy!' he departed and I did indeed enjoy the unexpected flowers and wine... for a few days. Then, to my horror I found £4,000 had been charged/withdrawn against my card.

X the phone call had been fake;
X the courier was fake;
X the card machine was fake and able to read my card details.

I notified the bank who issued me with a new card.

Apparently I wasn't the first victim of this scam.

WARNING:

√ Be wary of accepting any "surprise gift or package," involving any payment as a condition of receiving it.
√ Be wary of accepting anything with no proper identification of who sent it.
√ Only give out any personal credit/debit card information when you yourself initiated the purchase or transaction.

— 8 O'CLOCK CLUB —

We are a women's group that meets on the first Thursday of the month in the lounge at the school at 8pm. The cost is £10 for the year plus 50p each month to cover the raffle and coffee.

We have a variety of speakers as well as an annual garden party, birthday party and Christmas meal. Our meetings for early 2018 are as follows:–

1 Feb. – How to protect yourself against scams;
1 March – Ghostly tales from Malcolm Busby;
29 March – Birthday party – members only;
5 April – School closed – no meeting;
3 May – To be confirmed;
7 June – Growing up in the 50/60's;
2 August – School closed – no meeting.

If you'd like further information please phone Barbara on 01954 204171, Adela on 01954 204265, Ann on 01954 204687, or come along to one of our meetings. We'd be very pleased to meet you.

HONEYBEES FENCING COMPANY
7-day call out for wind damage.
Please contact Lee on 07704 474222;
or: leehoneybourne406@btinternet.com

— BAR HILL PARISH COUNCIL —

Sue Bell, Parish Clerk: 01954 780456
e-mail: clerk@barhillpc.org.uk .
Please note that the office is normally open to residents between 10am and 12noon, Monday to Wednesday.

We are very pleased to announce that our new website is now open: www.barhillpc.org.uk.

Parish Councillor Vacancy – COULD YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS A MONTH TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?
Could you make a difference – involves: attend monthly meetings of the Full Council and Committees/working parties, provide a voice for the community, help decide what activities to support and on what to spend money locally. Help manage and maintain Council's assets, eg buildings, open spaces, play areas etc, consultee eg planning applications, health services, transport etc, help fulfil the Council's statutory responsibilities. You will need energy, enthusiasm, commitment and a genuine interest in the future of Bar Hill and a desire to make improvements for the benefit of the community. Contact Clerk for information pack and how to put your name forward. Closing date for receipt of applications: noon on 13 February 2018

The **Annual Parish Meeting** is scheduled for the evening of **Thursday 26th April 2018 at The Octagon**, (next to the Parish Council Office). This meeting is an opportunity for all electors in the parish to express their opinions or concerns regarding issues relevant to the parish. Village Community groups are asked to attend to give an up-date on their activities over the year and explain what they will be doing over the coming year. The meeting is Chaired by the Chair of the Parish Council and members of the Parish Council will be present. There will be reports on the Council's activities and proposals for the future. Comments from residents are noted and taken back to the next meeting of the Parish Council for consideration. Further details will be published over the coming months.

Do put the date in your diary, come along and support your community.

Local Councils – Polling Day – Thursday 3rd May 2018
Your Parish Councillors finish their term of office in May this year. Details for qualification and nomination of candidates for the next term of office will be available over the coming months and will be posted on the noticeboards and website.

News from the Council:
At the December meeting, the **Council approved the 2018/19 Budget**: Expenditure £144,510, Income £13,510 and set a Precept of £131,000 (raised as the Parish Council element of the Council Tax) This will give a Band D equivalent of £89.84 in 2018-19, an increase of £1.90 on the previous year.

Grit Bins – the County Council is responsible for keeping the bins topped up with grit – please report to Cambridgeshire County Council direct, or contact the Parish Council office or a Councillor

The Autumn/Winter **tree and green works** is almost complete. The contractor is expected to complete works at Robin Close in the next few weeks and the County Council have undertaken to carry out maintenance repairs to the footway over the coming months.

Please could we ask **householders** to take a look over their boundary fences to ensure there is no vegetation on the

PARISH COUNCIL *(cont.)*

ground or overhanging, causing an obstruction or nuisance to pedestrians/cyclists/pushchairs/mobility scooters?
The Council still receives a number of complaints about inconsiderate parking. Anyone with concerns, please report to Cambridgeshire Constabulary on http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking. They are gathering information to identify hotspots!

Future Full Council meetings: 18th January, 15th February, 15th March;
Environment and Amenities Committee 7th February, 7th March.

Handy telephone numbers/contact details – help with which Council to contact:
Cambs County Council: Births, deaths and marriages; buses; consumer protection; education; libraries; public health; recycling and waste; roads and highways; social care; street lighting; trading standards; transport and travel Tel 01223 717111
South Cambs District Council: Building control; business rates; car parks; council tax; elections and voter registrations; environmental health; housing and homelessness; leisure centres; licensing; pest control; planning; refuse/bin collection; street cleaning
Tel 03450 450500 https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/contact-us/not-sure-which-council-to-contact/
To report issues on footpaths, public rights of way, and roads https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/roadworks-and-faults
Tel 01223 717111
Streetlight maintenance http://www.lightingcambridgeshire.com/contact-us/report-fault.htm or enquiries@lightingcambridgeshire.com Tel 0800 7838 247. You will need to give the number on the lamp post
Cambridge Water Company (water supply)
http://www.cambridge-water.co.uk Tel 0800 316 7676
Anglian Water (waste water)
http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/ Tel 0800 145 145

FREE EVENT IN CAMBOURNE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS, CLUBS OR CHARITIES

We are a charity set up to offer advice and support to community groups. We are hosting a FREE event at **The Hub Cambourne Community Centre** on **21st February**.
Part 1: Do you want guidance on compliance with charity law? We are running a workshop on the duties of trustees – 4–6pm.
Part 2: Could you use some extra funds? A chance to hear speakers from a range of funding organisations – 6.30–8pm.
More information on our website: www.cambridgecvs.org.uk/training-events/events, call: **01223 464696** or email: enquiries@cambridgecvs.org.uk

LOVE LIFE – LOVE SLIMMING WORLD

Join our warm and friendly group at **Bar Hill School** on **Wednesdays at 5.30pm or 7.30pm.**
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— Bar Hill Church —

Services during February

BAR HILL CHURCH
spread the word

Sunday 4 February	10:00 am	Holy Communion (Anglican)
	6:00 pm	Informal Worship
Sunday 11 February	10:00 am	All-Together Worship
Wednesday 14 February	7:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Communion
Sunday 18 February	10:00 am	Holy Communion (Reformed)
Wednesday 21 February	3:15 pm	Messy Church (in the Octagon)
Sunday 25 February	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Morning Worship

Social Calendar for February

Olive Tree Coffee Morning Saturday 17 February: 10:30 -11:30 am in the Meetings Room

Knit & Natter every Thursday 1:15 - 3:00 pm in the Octagon (Contact Sue 01954 780260)

Coffee Stop every Wednesday 10 am - noon in the Library (Contact Sue 01954 780260)

Art Group every Wednesday 1:30 - 4:00 pm in the Church (Contact Jan 01954 201495)

Bring Your Own Craft Group Saturday 24 February 2:15—4:30 pm in the Octagon

(Contact Karen 01954 781085)

Church Contacts

Church Office	Linda King	01954 206120	office@barhillchurch.org.uk
Minister	Rev. Charles Mather	01954 277119	charlesmather20@yahoo.com
Address	Bar Hill Church Centre, Hanover Close, Bar Hill, Cambridge CB23 8EH		
Website	http://barhillchurch.org.uk		
Facebook	https://facebook.com/barhillchurch		

Saturday 24th February

7.30 pm in the Church.

£8 per ticket

£7 for concessions (under 16's and OAP's)

Light refreshments will be sold in the interval and all proceeds will go to Bar Hill Church.

Tickets available from Malcolm 488657 and Sue 780260.

— Bar Hill Church —

Bible Study

Prayer

Open to all

Home Groups

Discussion

Friendship

Mutual support

Relaxed

Informal

We have several groups that meet in homes around Bar Hill, on different days and at various times.

You don't have to be a church member

For more information: contact Elizabeth Burns email elizabeth.burns@barhillchurch.org.uk

Lent Study Course: 'HE CHOSE THE NAILS' With Max Lucado

Thursdays 7:45 pm in the Church 22nd February—22nd March

Come and discover what God did to win your heart.

For more details contact Paul on 01223 263528 or paulks87@btinternet.com

— Catholic Church —

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

The Catholic Church serving Bar Hill

Hills Road, Cambridge

Parish Priest: **Rt. Rev. Mgr Eugene Canon Harkness** Tel: 01223 350787

Local contact: **Bunty Waters** Tel: 01954 201421

Mon., Weds., Thurs., Friday 8am & 12.15pm

Tuesday 8am & 7.30pm

Saturday 6pm: First Mass of Sundays

Masses in the Parish Church in Cambridge; also 5pm at Cambourne and **6pm at The Octagon, Bar Hill.**

Holydays of Obligation 8am, 10am, 7.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.45pm (not after Mass)

Saturday 10.30–11.15am, 4.30–5.15pm, 7.00–7.45pm

Details of other services are published in a weekly newsletter available at the 6pm Mass each Saturday. Copies are also available in the Church Centre.

Home Visits

I am happy to bring communion to house bound Catholics. I also visit people at the end of their lives, of any religion or none, who would welcome support or are distressed spiritually.

Contact Jean: 07841 397338, Catholic Eucharistic Minister. Associate Member of the Hospice Chaplaincy Team.

INTERNATIONAL LADIES

Ladies from all countries, including the UK, are invited to Jo Hall's, 11 Almond Grove, on Saturday, **17th February** at **7.30pm** for a 'bring and share' supper and stimulating conversation. Please let Jo know on **01954 780304** or email: roger.hall90@ntlworld.com.

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During the week we have the following groups and clubs:

Mon.	Helene Taylor-Todd School of Dance *(school term time only)*	4–6pm
Mon.	Craig Burns Bootcamp	6.15–7.15pm
Mon.	Martial Arts	7.30–9pm
Tues.	Shotokan Karate	6–8pm
Wed.	Helene Taylor-Todd School of Dance	4–6.45pm
Wed.	Danielle Fitness Classes Zumba & Pilates	7–9pm
Thur.	Pilates *(school term time only)*	10–11am
Thur.	Weightwatchers	7–7.50pm
Fri.	Baby Sensory	10.30–12.30pm
Fri.	Martial Arts	7.30–9pm
Sun.	Bingo *(doors open 7pm)* Cash prizes	7.30–9pm

If you wish to book any of these facilities, or get more information, please call **01954 782414** and leave a clear message. We'll call back within 24 hours (Monday to Friday); or e-mail barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com

— WILDLIFE TRUST —

Huntingdonshire Local Group

Dormice – Wednesday 14th February at 7.30pm.
Our topic will be 'Dormice' a talk by Ian White, Peoples Trust for Endangered Species, and Gwen Hitchcock, responsible for dormouse monitoring for our Trust. Ian has been involved with the introduction of Dormice throughout the UK and he monitors both nationally and locally. Ian will reveal the secret lives of these enchanting animals and the progress that has been made with their re-introduction.

Islander – Wednesday 14th March at 7.30pm.
Patrick Barkham, Natural History writer, will regale us with tales from one of his latest books 'Islander'. He will seek to demonstrate what it is like to live on a tiny island in the UK, describing the many habitats and associated wildlife found in these islands, whether they are small and apparently deserted, or whether they appear to be superficially suburban with little of the obvious natural resources in which to flourish.

Both these presentations should be really appealing to anyone interested in wildlife. They will take place at Brampton Memorial Hall, Thrapston Road, Brampton, PE28 4TB. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Booking is not necessary. Entrance charge £2.50 (accompanied children free). Please contact Tim on **01480 457795** for more information.

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17th	Live Music
24th	Membership draw
26th	Monthly quiz with rock n roll bingo

We also have a trip to Lille and Brugge Christmas markets 2018 – come and get an information pack.

Not a Member?

The new membership starts on the 1st December. Please ask the bar staff for a membership form.

For further information, visit our website: www.bhssc.org.uk or join us on Facebook at Bar Hill Sports & Social Club.

MUSIC TO MY EARS!

As part of a study at Cambridge University, I'm writing to invite you to participate in a project that explores your child's everyday life using an innovative technique called Experience Sampling.

We would like to know what music your child hears in everyday life at home and when out and about. If you'd like to join this quest, please read the rest of this letter carefully.

Participating in the study will not require you to do anything out of the ordinary. You will simply have to a) fill-in an online questionnaire and b) answer 1- 3 minutes-long phone calls to your mobile phone during a week of your choice. During phone calls, we will ask you a short set of questions about any music that might be playing or have been playing recently.

To take part, email or phone me at the contact address below to:

- share full details of the study with you, including the consent form, and answer any doubts you might have.
- Set the 'target week'. You need to find seven consecutive days, but they need not be a Monday to Sunday. If there are any sensitive activities that you would prefer not to be interrupted in the week (for example, hospital visit, religious ceremony), please tell us and we will guarantee not to contact you during those times.
- Set "sociable hours". We agree to set any time at your convenience within a single day. Because we're interested in what music your child hears in everyday life, breakfast and bedtime might be worth including.

Once we have agreed dates and sociable hours for your study week we guarantee not to contact you outside these hours, and we will grant you access to our online consent form as well as the mentioned questionnaire.

I really hope you will be able to help with this very innovative project!

Juan Pablo Robledo del Canto, PhD student, Centre for Music and Science, University of Cambridge.
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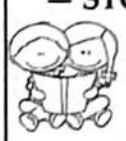
X-rays and test results – we would like to remind patients that you need to contact the surgery in order to find out any test results including blood tests, urine, X-rays and ultrasounds. Unfortunately, we do not have capacity to contact patients with their results, even if there is an abnormality. Please contact our receptionists after 11am for your results, and they can pass on any comments and advice from the GP.

Carers Support Meetings – our next meetings are at Willingham Surgery on Wednesdays: 7th February, 7th March and 4th April at 2pm. If you are a carer, please pop along and get some support. Refreshments provided, no need to pre-book and completely FREE! Please contact Sue Lawson at the surgery or email her at susan.lawson7@nhs.net for more information.

Cambridgeshire Hearing Clinics 2018 – the next clinics at Willingham Surgery are on Wednesdays: 21st February, 21st March & 18th April. No appointment necessary, just pop along for your free NHS hearing aid batteries and for help and advice regarding hearing loss.

Sharon Unwin, Practice Manager

— STORYTIME AT BAR HILL LIBRARY —



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2018 has started with lots of fun and achievement at school. By the time this edition of the Bar Hill News arrives to families in the community, we will have opened our new play areas built to commemorate our 50th anniversary and to remember Dawn Miller, long serving play leader and colleague at school. The areas include opportunities for imaginative play with den building and "secret spaces" as well as climbing challenges. As ever, members of the public would be very welcome to visit the school to see the new play provision or any other aspect of school – feel free to book a tour through the front office (office@barhill.cambs.sch.uk).

It's with some sadness along with excitement over new opportunities that I write that this will be my last term at the school. I have been appointed as one of Her Majesty's Inspectors with Ofsted starting after the Easter holiday. This appointment comes as a huge honour to me and will be a natural progression for me after nearly 10 years of headship and nearly 20 years in senior leadership in schools. Since receiving news of my appointment, I have been working closely with the Chair of Governors to build a succession plan. Because the school is in such a strong position and has such strong networks across the country, including close ties with CMAT and Swavesey Village College, it is well placed to use this change in leadership as another opportunity for future positive developments for the children. Governors will update parents, carers and the community about this exciting opportunity for the school as the term progresses.

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Sarah Rivers, Commissioner

– BAR HILL CHILDMINDERS –

Bar Hill Childminders work as a close network of childcare professionals who offer a warm, friendly and loving home from home environment. We use the comfort of our homes as a base and can also offer your children the opportunities of day trips and range of outdoor experiences and take part in local community events and groups without being confined to one place.

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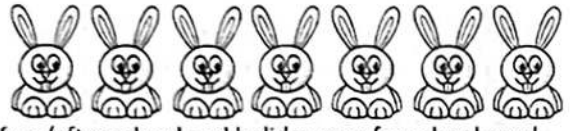

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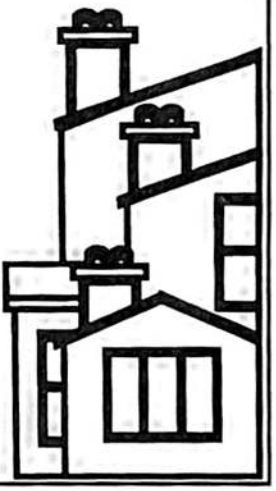

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— COUNCILLOR NOTES —

South Cambs Magazine

Your next issue will be delivered from 19th February–10th March. Contact me if you haven't received it by then.

Village travel hubs

Three South Cambridgeshire villages have been proposed as possible areas for new "rural travel hubs" to better connect residents with public transport, walking and cycling routes. The pilot hubs, to be funded by the Greater Cambridge Partnership, will be travel interchanges that are tailored for individual areas. They could include new sheltered bus stops, secure cycle parking, cycle lockers and extra car parking. They will be located close to existing railway stations, bus stops and cycleways and walking routes.

The suggested hub at Oakington would be near Station Road, next to the Guided Busway and adjoining footway and cycle path. The facilities proposed include secure cycle parking and cycle lockers, a stop with room to turnaround for a bus, a drop off area and more than 40 car parking spaces.

An example of what a hub could look like is already in place in Swavesey, alongside the Guided Busway track. Facilities there include covered cycle parking with CCTV, a bicycle pump, sheltered bus stops and a car park with drop-off points. The Swavesey interchange also has a shared foot and cycle path to nearby Over.

If you should need further information or advice or we can help in any way, please contact us on:

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— BAR HILL CRICKET CLUB —

We're already beginning to plan the 2018 season and it won't be long before we are working on the pitch and beginning to think about the first matches.

We know we will be playing in Division 3W in the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association Junior League on Saturdays.

We will be in the same league as Bassingbourn, Madingley, Cambridge St Giles III, Histon III, Bottisham/Lode, Milton, Haslingfield and Newton.

We will also have a team in the Cambridge Business Houses League, with midweek matches starting at 6pm.

As well as the adult teams, for the first time in some years we will have a youth team competing in the CYCA structure at under-11s, and we will also be running our weekly youth training sessions.

I will be able to say more about all these things in the next couple of editions of Bar Hill News. In the meantime, for more information about the club, visit www.barhillcricket.org.uk or call the number below.

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— HEIDI ALLEN MP —

This is my first newsletter of 2018 and I would like to begin by wishing everyone a happy and heathy new year!

Oakington's latest community facility is now open! **Crossways CommuniTea Café at 1 Longstanton Road, Oakington** is a social enterprise with the aim of bringing the community together in a warm and welcoming environment. It was a pleasure to do the honours and cut the ribbon. I hope you will be able to support the café by popping in soon for a cuppa. I can confirm beyond all doubt that they make a cracking brew!

I was pleased to be asked to record a message for *"Talking News for the Blind"* which is provided to about 200 blind and partially sighted people in Cambridge and surrounding villages. This local charity does vital work to bring information and news to people who may feel isolated otherwise.

In Westminster, the Agriculture Minister George Eustice kindly agreed to meet with some of my South Cambs farmers to discuss what life might be like for them outside the EU. We had a full and frank discussion about what small and large farmers will need to keep this vital industry profitable. We all agreed it was a very worthwhile meeting and took great reassurance from George's understanding of the challenges the industry faces.

Since my last newsletter I have held two surgeries. Listening to the views and concerns of constituents and helping them with issues affecting their lives is an important part of my role.

My next surgery will be on **3rd February 11am–1pm at the Hare and Hounds, 60 High Street, Harlton CB23 1ES**. All are welcome so I like to run a "no appointment necessary" system, but the last surgery was incredibly busy so I'd recommend you get there early if you can.

Details of all upcoming surgeries can be found on my website – www.heidisouthcambs.co.uk. To contact me, please email heidi.allen.mp@parliament.uk. You can also phone my Westminster office on 020-7219 5091 about national issues or my constituency office on 01223 830037 for local concerns.

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Our inside area provides views across the village green in a inviting and welcoming atmosphere. Children can access toys and equipment independently. Skills are developed through activities and routines eg children help to prepare snack with safety knives and learn about how to stay healthy. Lunch clubs are a social time and adults sit at tables with children while they eat own packed lunch, encouraging friendships and social skills.

The extended outdoor learning environment provides opportunities from growing fruit and vegetables for our snack bar to exploring the mud kitchen, large sand pit and our sensory garden.

We welcome visitors from the local community that support our curriculum further.

Interested? You can find out more information on our website www.barhillpreschool.co.uk or call us on 01954 782892 to book an informal visit or for an application form.

— DRY DRAYTON VILLAGE HALL —

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— COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT —

The report on the **A10 [Ely to Cambridge Transport Study]** has now been published. The subsequent press release did not cover all the detail that may be of interest to many of you. There is much of significance for residents to the north of Cambridge and importantly, in the context of the planned new town at Waterbeach, it demonstrates that high quality off and on-road links to Waterbeach are both possible and economically justified. The key report can be accessed at: http://bit.ly/2Di5Rwb. In particular look at: page 30 for the 5 options; pages 31-35 for the maps and page 62 for the crucial table of cost/gains.

A recent survey of the **Cambridgeshire Guided Busway** has revealed that since the busway opened in 2011 the operators have carried over 20.2million passengers; nearly half of those surveyed said that if they hadn't been able to use the busway, they would have travelled by car; 6 in 10 said that the busway's reliable service was its most important feature with over 90% expressing satisfaction with the service; 1 in 5 thought that increasing the number of buses would encourage higher ridership and 1 in 4 said they had also used the busway route for journeys by foot or cycle.

The County Council's new **Innovate and Cultivate Fund** offers funding for community initiatives that support and strengthen local communities and, in so doing, also reduce pressure on County Council services. Applications are being invited from organisations and groups that offer support for adult social care, children and families' services and the waste service. There are two funding streams: the 'Cultivate' stream offers small grants of £2,000 - £10,000 and the 'Innovate' stream is for larger grants of up to £50,000. Deadlines for the next round of applications are: 1st May for 'Cultivate' and 9th March for 'Innovate'. Application forms and further information is available on the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation website, info@cambscf.org.uk. Meanwhile the County Council is offering an opportunity for prospective applicants to talk through their ideas prior to submitting an application. The Innovate and Cultivate Fund Advice Session has been arranged for Thursday 8th February 2018 between 0945–1200 at Ely Community Centre. You can also book a group advice session on writing a good application or sourcing data to support your application. If you are interested in attending you do need to book an appointment at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/innovate-cultivate-fund-advice-session-tickets-41337609904. It is expected that demand will be high and, as a result, those without appointments are unlikely to be able to be seen on the day. For any queries on the advice sessions, contact lianne.parrett@cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

Please do contact me about any concerns or questions you have. If you would like to receive a copy of the full report that I write for the division's parish councils each month, please email me and I will add you to its circulation. Meanwhile my best wishes to you all for the forthcoming festive season.

Lynda

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF CONSTABLE

The future policing model for Cambridgeshire has been agreed and will begin to roll out from 30 April. In November I announced plans to create a sustainable policing model following an unprecedented increase in demand for our services.

Our current policing model is hampering our ability to manage demand. Like forces across the country, Cambridgeshire faces an unprecedented workload, and officers and staff are working long hours with heavy workloads.

Our focus remains to protect the most vulnerable people and target the most serious offenders. But this means I have to be realistic about what we can and cannot attend, and make some difficult decisions about our future structure within our current budget.

The new model is focused on putting more officers on the frontline so we can provide you with the best service possible. This structure will enable us to fund an additional 50 officers, which will make a difference to the people of Cambridgeshire. It retains our commitment to providing neighbourhood policing and working in partnership with communities to reduce crime and to make them safer through effective problem solving. Every resident will still have access to their local policing team, with an identified police community support officer (PCSO) in their area.

Below is an overview of the new structure:

- Every resident will be able to access their local policing team and have an identified PCSO in their area. However, there will be no new intakes of PCSOs and the current headcount will reduce by natural turnover over coming years, with a commitment to retain a minimum of 80 full time equivalent posts.
- Additional officers will be in those areas where our most vulnerable people and most dangerous offenders are, focusing on issues such as child protection, rape investigation and domestic abuse.
- A Demand Hub will be created to merge the force's contact and crime management functions centrally at force HQ. This will modernise our approach to public contact and allow for early and more effective management of demand.
- We move to just two areas, north and south, enabling us to commit more resources to the frontline.
- A Missing, Exploited and Trafficked (MET) Hub will be created, tasked with protecting children most at risk of harm within these areas and focused on apprehending the offenders who target them.
- There will be changes to our current intelligence structure, which will enable us to increase our analytical provision, allowing improved analysis of demand.
- PCSOs will continue to play a central role in neighbourhood policing and problem solving.
- Community action teams, similar to the current Rural Crime Action Team (RCAT), will be created to respond to local problems and challenges. These officers will be tasked with dealing with local issues, prioritising those where the risk to individuals and the public is highest.
- Every district council area will have an enquiry office function.
- A reduced number of response bases will allow for maximum efficiency in response deployment.
- The force will continue to have a serious and organised crime team, cyber and fraud team, and surveillance team to tackle crime gangs.

Chief Constable Alec Wood

THE COTTENHAM YESTERYEAR ROAD RUN 2018

Due to circumstances beyond our control we have been reluctantly compelled to cancel 2018's Yesteryear Road Run, scheduled for April, because the traditional circular route uses the so-called Airfield Road between Longstanton and Oakington. This will be closed and dug up as part of the on-going Northstowe development. We have been trying for months to get a firm assurance from developers on whether the road will still be open in April without success. The route has to be finalised several months in advance, so we have no alternative but to cancel. We very much regret this decision, but hope you will understand.

While everyone involved is disappointed, the real losers are the Arthur Rank Hospice Charity, for whom the last Run raised over £9,000. To make sure the Charity doesn't lose out completely, we have set up a just-giving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/vivien-lampard

Alternatively, donations can be sent to me at: 319 High Street, Cottenham CB24 8TX. Thanks in advance for your generosity – all receipts will go to the Charity.

For the future, we understand that a new link road that will effectively replace the Airfield Road is included in the A14 project and should open in Summer 2018. We are hopeful that the Yesteryear Road Run 2019 is secure!

Thank you all for your support in the past and in the future.

Vivien Lampard—on behalf of the Cottenham Yesteryear Road Run Committee

— NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH —

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Wishing all of Bar Hill a Happy and Safe 2018

Pam Vendy, Village Co-ordinator

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Wildlife – bitterns returned to spend the winter, with up to three being seen at once from the Elney viewpoint adjacent to the busway. This viewpoint also produced barn owl, marsh harrier, bearded tit and snipe. Sometimes there were a couple of thousand starlings gathering at dusk.

Dates for your diary – we'll be hosting an Easter themed willow weaving workshop on Sunday 25th March (booking essential: 01954 233260 or email fendraytonlakes@rspb.org.uk to reserve your place).

From Monday 26th March to Monday 2nd April there will be fun-filled activities, including an Easter-themed nature trail. A must for all the family! Up-to-date information on our website: rspb.org.uk/fendraytonlakes.

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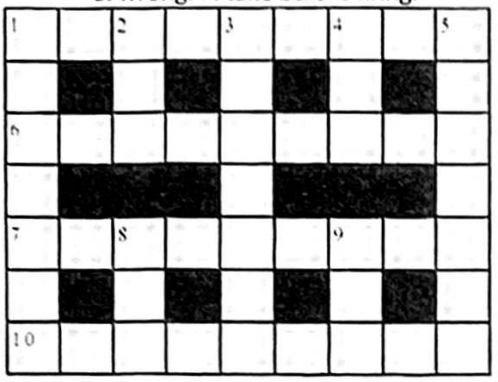
— FEBRUARY CROSSWORD —

Across: 1. comes before gloss. 6. see one at Newmarket. 7. huge icy island. 10. present PM.

Down: 1. standing/honest. 2. abbr. for doctor. 3. rearranges pictures. 4. belongs to us. 5. a day of the week. 6. wrong. 7. take before firing.



December's Solution

Across: 1. Christmas. 6.nightgown. 7. lampshade. 10. sunny days.

Down: 1. candles. 2. rug. 3. satisfy. 4. moo. 5. singers. 8. man. 9. AGA.

— BIN COLLECTION —

1st February	blue
8th February	black
15th February	green and blue
22nd February	black
1st March	green and blue
8th March	black
15th March	green and blue
22nd March	black
29th March	green and blue

— THE ALLOTMENT SOCIETY —

Anyone interested in renting space to grow their own produce can be put on our waiting list for membership. Please contact Rob Lawrence, plot allocator, on 07788 590348.

All other allotment matters should be addressed to: barhillallotment@gmail.com.

— USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS —

Out of Hours Medical Emergencies		111
Police Non-Emergency		101
Allotment Society	*Rob Lawrence*	07788 590348
Bar Hill Church	*Minister: Charles Mather*	01954 277119
	Church office	01954 206120
Bar Hill School		01954 273305
Bar Hill Community Car Scheme		07496 465330
Bar Hill Cricket Club	*Paul Stimpson*	01954 201212
Bar Hill Sports & Social Club		01954 781881
Cambridge Fire & Rescue Service Helpline		0800 917 9994
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	Longstanton	01954 207600
	Willingham	01954 260230
	Willingham & Longstanton Dispensary	01954 207600
Neighbourhood Watch	*Pam Vendy*	01954 201001
Over Day Centre	*Hayley Smith, Manager*	01954 231807
Parish Council Office	*Sue Bell, Parish Clerk*	01954 780456
Post Office		01954 789285
Pre-School		01954 782892
Royal British Legion, Health & Wellbeing at Tesco	*Wendy Arrowsmith*	01954 781381
Samaritans		01223 364455
Swavesey Village College		01954 230366

— FEBRUARY PUZZLE —

Form nine, nine letter words related to ENDEARMENT, in groups of three letters.

A	P	P	E	N	U	O	U	S
A	T	T	H	E	D	O	U	S
B	E	G	I	N	E	R	A	P
B	L	E	I	N	G	R	I	S
C	H	E	I	N	G	R	T	L
D	E	S	I	N	G	S	T	A
E	A	L	I	N	G	T	U	R
E	N	T	I	R	A	U	I	L
E	N	T	I	V	E	V	A	L

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Solution for December: Blessings, Celebrate, Community, Entertain, Fireplace, Gathering, Reverence, Stockings, Trimmings.

SEWING SERVICE

If you have a sewing job you don't fancy doing, call Lyn on 01954 201113.

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Interested persons are always welcome at Residents' Association meetings.

They are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the Parish Council office.

Next meeting: 6th February.

– EVENTS CALENDAR –

date	*event*	*where*	*time*
1 February	NWR – Museums & galleries *(page 3)*		8pm
1 February	8 O'clock Club *(page 4)*	School	8pm
3 February	Heidi Allen surgery *(page 21)*	CB23 1ES	11am–1pm
3 February	The Beatles Revolution *(page 8)*	Village Hall	
5 February	Happy Hours – *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
12 February	Happy Hours – Pancakes & Valentines *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
13 February	Closing date for applications for Parish Council vacancy *(page 1 & 5)*		
13 Febraury	Health & Wellbeing Club *(page 3)*	Community Room, Tesco	2–4pm
14 February	Wildlife Trust talk *(page 8)*	PE28 4TB	7.30pm
15 February	NWR – Fabulous flowers *(page 3)*		8pm
17 February	International Ladies supper *(page 7)*	11 Almond Grove	7.30pm
17 February	Live music *(page 8)*	BHSSC	
19 February	Happy Hours – *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
21 February	Free event in Cambourne *(page 5)*	The Hub	4–8pm
24 February	HCB – Concert *(page 1 & 6)*	Church	
26 February	Happy Hours – Bingo & quiz *(page 3)*	Octagon	11am–3pm
26 February	Monthly quiz *(page 8)*	BHSSC	
27 February	Book Club *(page 3)*	Village Hall	7.30pm
1 March	NWR – Deserts of the world *(page 3)*		8pm
1 March	8 O'clock Club *(page 4)*	School	8pm
3 March	Community Market *(page 3)*	Octagon	10.30am–2pm

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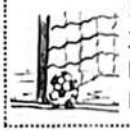
If you require any further details please contact Barbara on 01954 204171.



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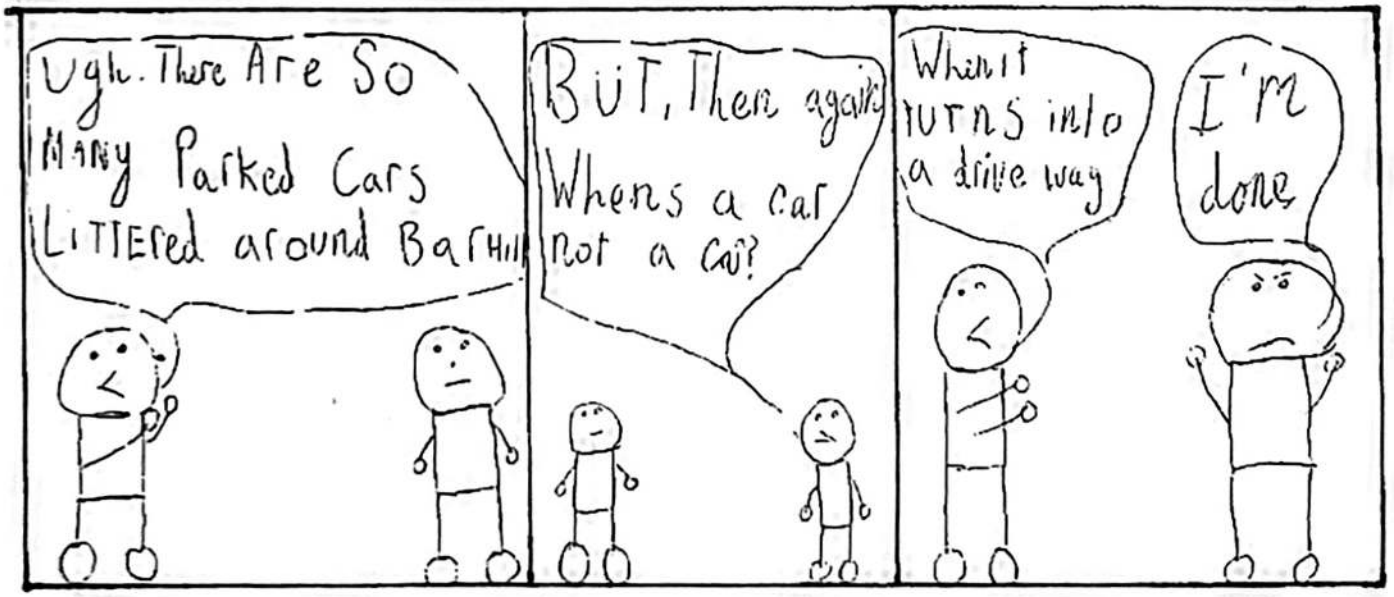
Ugh. There Are So Many Parked Cars LITTered around BarHill
BUT, Then again Whens a car not a car?
When it turns into a drive way
I'm done